



The Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholarships

The Root-Tilden-Kern (RTK) Program is the nation's premier public service scholarship. The program pays **full tuition**, without regard to financial need, for three years of law school to outstanding students who are committed to careers in public service.

Each year twenty scholars are selected based on three criteria: commitment to public service, academic excellence, and potential for leadership. In addition to full tuition, the RTK program provides special orientation, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

The program defines public service broadly: government policy and legal positions (including judicial clerkships), electoral politics, non-profit organizations, academia, social entrepreneurship, community development, international law, and public interest law firms.

NYU strives to ensure that the RTK scholars are diverse in terms of race, sex, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, geographic origins, and ideology. The program believes that diversity is critical to fostering a strong public interest profession. We strongly encourage applications from individuals who share the backgrounds of the disadvantaged communities we reach.

"If your dream is to run for elected office or be appointed a judge; be a defense attorney or a prosecutor; work for the Justice Department or the ACLU; regulate business or labor rights; work on international human rights or local land use, and anything in between, the Root program is for **you**." Professor Meg Satterthwaite '99, RTK Faculty Director

How to apply?

- Submit the J.D. application by **January 1, 2011**.
- Submit one additional letter of recommendation that addresses your commitment to public service.
- If your personal statement does not address your commitment to public service, submit an additional short essay that discusses the factors that have most significantly influenced your public service commitment and goals, or any other aspects you consider relevant to your qualification for the scholarship(s).
- Finalists selected for interviews will be notified by March 14, 2011.
- Interviews will be conducted in early April at NYU and scholarship offers will be made shortly thereafter. The program will pay for transportation and accommodation expenses to the interviews.



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If you'd like to talk with a current RTK Scholar, email law.rtk@nyu.edu or call 212-998-6207.



"I can't imagine better support for my work or fuel for my dreams than the Root program."
Alejandro Fernandez '08, public defender